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**ILLEGAL ALIEN INDICTED FOR POSSESSION OF
FALSE DOCUMENTS AND ILLEGAL FIREARMS**

David L. Huber, United States Attorney for the Western District of Kentucky, announced today that a federal Grand Jury in Bowling Green, Kentucky, **returned an Indictment** charging **JULIO FRANCISCO CASTRO**, age 24, of 508 Chestnut Street, Bowling Green, Kentucky, with being an illegal alien in possession of a firearm and possession of forged documents.

The Indictment charges that on or about August 3, 2006, **Castro**, being illegally in the United States, possessed ammunition, a Ruger .357 magnum, and a Ruger P97DC .45 caliber handgun. The Indictment also charges that **Castro** possessed with intent to use false identification documents as well as a United States Immigration and Naturalization Service Resident Alien (Green) Card.

On August 3, 2006, officers of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives, the Bowling Green Police Department, and the Western Kentucky University Police Department executed a state search warrant at an address in Bowling Green, Kentucky. During the search of the residence, officers found a Ruger .357 Magnum, a Ruger P97DC .45 caliber handgun, and a box of Winchester ammunition (both .45 and .357 caliber). Castro stated that the firearms belonged to him and that he had purchased both firearms from a flea market in Georgetown, Kentucky. Castro also admitted that he was in the United States illegally and had been for about eight years.

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If convicted, the maximum potential penalties are not more than 25 years imprisonment, a 750,000 fine, and supervised release for a period of 3 years.

The case is being prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Madison T. Sewell, and it was investigated by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives, the Warren County Drug Task Force, Bowling Green Police Department and Western Kentucky University Police Department.

Castro is scheduled to appear for arraignment before the United States Magistrate Judge on September 20, 2006, at 10:00 a.m., in Bowling Green, Kentucky.

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The indictment of a person by a Grand Jury is an accusation only and that person is presumed innocent until and unless proven guilty.

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